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POSTWAR PLANS ON THE MARCH

Chairman Ralph V. Conard of the Post-War Emergency Program has been encouraged by the reports thus far received from the churches. Many of the churches have used the Christmas season either to begin their campaigns or to terminate them with large special offerings. Other churches have indicated that campaigns would begin with the first of January or very soon after. Some of the comments received are very heartening and will give encouragement and inspiration to others in our Conference who look forward to launching campaigns in their local churches.

Rev. Elmo Wolfe of Benicia writes: "We are confident that our Northern California churches will do more than their part."

Rev. Eugene Haynes of North Church, Berkeley, says: "I feel certain that you can count on this church to measure up to the goals set for it in each of these worthy projects (SCI and CWVR)."

Rev. F. C. Zahl of Elk Grove speaks of a very successful Annual Mission Sunday and sends $100 to our Conference for the Post-War Emergency fund.

Rev. Emerson W. Harris has been at Eureka little more than a month but indicates that that church is co-operating to the full.

Before leaving Ferndale on December 1, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker stated that the campaign for CWVR will not be less than $528.

Rev. Henry Hayden of Guerneville has outlined a three-point program in connection with their campaign.

Rev. A. R. Boone writes: "Our Lodi church plans to raise $2300 per year. Hope we can make it. We shall present it November 11 and pledge it November 18."

Rev. Donald Gaylord of Martinez reports a very successful response to the appeal with a Christmas offering of over $500.

Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Orinda says: "For 1946 we have adopted the goal of $520 for Extra-Orinda giving and shall raise this by individual separate pledges using double envelopes. As you see, this is more than double last year's giving."

Rev. W. H. L. Marshall of Paradise writes: "I feel confident that Paradise will do its share in this enterprise."

Rev. Herbert C. Gans of Petaluma indicates that the church has voted to increase benevolences by one-third and to double giving to CWVR.

Rev. Willis Goldsmith reports that Porterville will bring its missionary giving in 1946 to $1100 and its CWVR offering in 1945 to $400.

Rev. Torrance Phelps of Pioneer Memorial Church, Sacramento, says that they have raised $500 toward CWVR and expect to bring it up to $700 or more.

We regret that Rev. Eugene Sill is leaving the Ocean View Church, San Francisco, for Santa Barbara, but the plans have already been laid for the program at Ocean View.

Rev. Edward Hildebrand of Sanger reports a very successful Annual Mission Sunday. Of the total offering of $876 the church is giving one-third, or $292, directly to the Post-War Emergency Program.

Rev. C. C. Champlin of Glen Ellen states that the campaign is well under way.

Mr. Conard will be very happy to hear from other churches as reports are available.

Schools of Churchmanship

The Conference Laymen's Commission is sponsoring two Schools of Churchmanship, both to be held at Pacific School of Religion, one on Sunday, February 10, and the other on Sunday, February 17. Three such schools have been held in years past, with attendance reaching the full capacity of the facilities afforded at the School. So many churches have expressed gratitude for this plan of training their officers, both present and prospective, that it was felt that with the lifting of gas rationing double the number of men might be expected. Hence the plan to have two schools. Coming so soon after the annual meetings of many of our churches, an excellent opportunity is afforded for newly elected trustees, treasurers, deacons, Sunday School workers, and sponsors for young people's organizations to learn from the experience of others how best to carry forward the important assignments entrusted to them by their churches. Ministers and churches are urged to see that a liberal percentage of young men, who may one day hold office, are included.

The committee on program consists of Mr. Harold T. Avery of Plymouth Church, Oakland, and Mr. George B. Martin of North Church, Berkeley. Dr. Donald Bridges, moderator of the General Council, newly elected president of Pacific School of Religion, and one of the foremost laymen of our entire Congregational fellowship, has been invited to deliver the keynote addresses. Dr. Frank E. Carlson, authority on Congregational history and polity, will bring in a very interesting way the fascinating story of our churches and their contribution to American life. Field Secretary William W. Meyer will report on our Cazadero project for young people. Superintendent Harley H. Gill will speak on the opportunities in our immediate area.

In the afternoon there will be four discussion groups, one for trustees and treasurers, Mr. O. B. Paulsen of Hayward, speaker; another for deacons, with Major Albert J. Watson of San Mateo presiding and Prof. William Hawley Davis of Stanford presenting the material. The Conference Young People's Work Committee, under Chairman Elmo D. Wolfe, will be in charge of the group interested in youth work in their churches; and Eugene Haynes and his committee will conduct a seminar on Christian Education. The closing address will be delivered by Prof. Hugh Vernon White on the Worldwide Program of our Churches. Sessions will begin at ten in the morning, lunch will be served in Benton Hall of Pacific School of Religion, and the closing time will be 4:30.

Churches from the Central and Sacramento Associations and from Solano, Contra Costa, and Alameda Counties will be represented at the school to be held on the 10th. Churches from San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties will send their delegates on the 17th. In individual cases where a man cannot attend on the date set aside for the church of his area, he will be privileged to attend on the other Sunday by sending in his reservations. Further details will be given in the February issue.

P.S.R. INAUGURAL

Plans are going forward at Pacific School of Religion for the inauguration of the new president, Dr. Ronald Bridges, and for the annual interdenominational Pastoral Conference. The inauguration of the president will occur on Monday night, February 18. The Pastoral Conference will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 19 to 21. Publicity outlining the program will be mailed directly from the School in the immediate future. Congregational ministers will have their annual get-together, the time and place to be announced by postcard. By the grapevine route we understand that one of the principal speakers will be Dr. Truman Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions.

MEETINGS AT CLEVELAND

The Mid-Winter Meetings of the national Board, the superintendents, and the women state presidents is scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio, the last week of January. If transportation can be arranged, in all probability Northern California will be represented by Mrs. Scott Haymond and Rev. Sidney Buckham, members of the Board of Home Missions; Mrs. James H. Price, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

STATE COUNCIL ANNUAL

The annual meeting and dinner of the Northern California - Western Nevada Council of Churches has been scheduled for the late afternoon and evening of February 18th, from 5 to 8 p. m., at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. The business session will take place from 5 to 6, dinner from 6 to 7:15, and a program from 7:15 to 8. There will be reports and election of officers. The speaker of the evening will be Professor Frank A. Lindhorst of the College of the Pacific, his subject being "Training Christian Leaders for a Christian Community." Reservations for the dinner are $1.00 per plate, and should be made through the council office at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2. The installation of the new President of the Pacific School of Religion will follow the meeting.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Youth groups across the nation will join to observe Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday in local churches on January 27. In many churches, representatives of P.F. will assist in the regular church service, or be recognized in some special way. In other churches, the day will call for special emphasis in the youth meetings. In any case, the stress is on PF's part in the life of the Church, and on "Molding the World Through Daily Christian Living." In Pilgrim HIGHROAD for December, on pp. 36-38, there is a complete worship service suggesting youth leadership. (Send to State PF office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, to get this issue if you don't subscribe.)

P. F. MIDWINTER

With the challenge to build, while there is yet time, a creative peace, a Christian world order, PFers took their job seriously in Midwinter. Workshop sessions dug out many practical suggestions for advancing Christian faith and purpose through our local church groups, and really "Putting our Purpose to Work." From the student planned and led chapels to the fun and fellowship planned by the recreation commission, the initiative of PFers themselves was evident, along with evidence of careful planning by the program committee and wonderful preparations by the host church. With more than 180 registered, and representation from at least two new groups, the PF spirit was high. Good reports came from the Commissions and Areas, and at its post-Conference session the Cabinet made plans for new advances.

P. F. HAND BOOK

With 100 copies mailed to the churches and more than 100 distributed at Midwinter, the PF Handbook is on its way. But we have 400 more to go! Order yours today, 25 cents, from P.F. office. The Handbook contains the official program of Northern California P.F., including Commission suggestions, Directory of groups, Constitution, practical helps for every group. In addition, there are 25 cents' worth of pamphlets and leaflets in the packet—things that will help EVERY local officer and adviser and active member. Great credit is due Ralph Cummings, Celia Elmore, Rev. E. V. Haynes, the Leyden Club, and others who worked hard to produce this excellent handbook.

REV. HARRY McCREADY

Rev. Harry McCready passed away on December 27. The funeral services were held on December 29 at Plymouth Church. Mr. McCready served as pastor of Plymouth Church a number of years ago and then returned to New England, coming back to California at the time of his retirement. He was honored by being made Pastor Emeritus of Plymouth Church. He was a man who in every pastorate he held was deeply beloved. He had been in ill health for a long time and his going was a blessed release.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 17—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, First Church, Berkeley.
January 19—Student Council.
January 19-20—Christian Youth Conference, Oakland.
January 27—Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday.
January 28-31—Mid-Winter Meetings of Mission Boards and Superintendents, Cleveland, Ohio.
February 3—Westbay Pilgrim Fellowship Rally, Saratoga.
February 10—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
February 17—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
February 19-21—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
April 21—Easter Sunday.
June 19-26—General Council, Grinnell, Iowa.

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"MY BRETHREN"

As our churches face the task of raising large sums of money during the next three years for our Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, two questions will almost certainly arise in our minds. The first is this: cannot the UNRRA, with the enormous grants it is receiving from our government and other United Nations, give all the relief that is needed in Europe and the Pacific areas? The second follows closely: Why should the churches attempt to help when what they can give is but the proverbial "drop in the bucket"?

These are pertinent questions and merit answers. In response to the first, it may definitely be said that even the immense government grants are not sufficient to rehabilitate even one of the many countries urgently needing assistance, for the devastation is almost beyond human comprehension. Then too, UNRRA must confine itself mainly to large mechanical tasks such as repairing transportation—railroads, bridges and trucks—so that necessary food and clothing may reach the needy. New areas of want are constantly being opened up—Austria, Finland, Korea and Formosa, each adding its own problems.

The second question prompts the reply that wherever mankind is enduring suffering and despair, there should the church be at work, offering not only material aid, but also wise counsel and spiritual solace. UNRRA is not prepared to give this latter help, but the church should be able to do so and to supply to people everywhere the healing assurance that Christians are standing by them with hands outstretched in their hour of extremity. We are not forgetting the searching utterance of Jesus: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, My brethren."

—MARIAM S. CONVERSE.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE XMAS

Plymouth House in its Christmas program included traditional caroling when forty of the college age young people traveled about in Berkeley area in cars, stopping at the homes of various shut-ins to sing for them some of the Christmas music. Before caroling, the Plymouth House members gathered in their assembly room to listen to Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and have their devotional period.

The year for Plymouth House closed with a communion service held in the Sanctuary of First Congregational Church. The service was one arranged by the Rev. David Stowe, former Director of the House, and so planned as to include many traditions. Assisting the Rev. Ford Forsyth in the service were Helen Sargent, Y/C2 John Copeland, who took the scripture lessons, Ann Mohler who acted as organist, and Robert Moeller and John Bloxham who served as deacons.

REV. EDWARD P. SHIER

Rev. Edward Preston Shier passed away near his home at Paradise on December 21. Mr. Shier was born in Michigan February 8, 1867. He spent his childhood and early youth in Kansas, and graduated from Emporia College. His theological work was taken at McCormick and at San Francisco Seminaries. In 1897 he was married to Jennie McCarty, who with six daughters and one son survive him. During student days he held pastorates in Kansas but he was ordained by the Presbyterian church in Centerville in 1898. He held Presbyterian pastorates at Eureka, Scotia, Dinuba, Taft and Redding. In 1927 he was called as pastor of the Congregational Church at Paradise, where he served ten and one-half years, and then at Loomis for seven years. A number of years ago he transferred his ministerial standing to the Congregational fellowship. He was deeply beloved by his parishioners and fellow ministers and was one of the most appreciated faculty members of our young people conferences. Funeral services were held December 26 in the church at Paradise. The officiating clergymen were Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, pastor of the church; Rev. Harris Pillsbury, recently pastor of the Presbyterian church at Chico; and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

URGENT

The following message has been received from our national headquarters:

"In view of the needs of the people of Europe and Asia and of the British Congregational Churches, which, the war having ended, are now known as they were not known when the original budget of the Post-War Emergency Program was laid down, it is voted that we appeal to our constituency to give more than the amount of the present goals of the Post-War Emergency Program, in the hope that an additional sum of at least $1,000,000 shall be raised for increased relief to war victims."

Rev. Ralph V. Conard, chairman of the Post-War Emergency Program Committee for Northern California, has submitted this request to the members of our Conference committee. It will involve an addition of approximately $1.00 per member for the three years, or something like 35 cents per member for each of the three years. This is something to which we should give enthusiastic endorsement.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The Christian Youth Council of Northern California, meeting the week-end of January 19-20 in Oakland, is fortunate in having Rev. Isaac Beckes, national director of the United Christian Youth Movement, as headline speaker. Sessions will be in the First Baptist Church, 21st and Telegraph, Oakland, beginning at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, and ending with mass meeting at 7:30 P. M. Sunday. Cost, including meals, $3.50. Housing will be provided in homes. For reservations write Rev. Wim Meyer, 2345 Channing, Berkeley 4.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A world day of prayer will fall on Friday, March 18. The theme will be: "The Things That Make for Our Peace," and the program has been prepared by Miss Mable Shaw of Africa. Materials may be secured through the United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10.

ARRIVED

A new little daughter, Ann Morgan, has come to join a very proud little brother, Michael, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Foster of Santa Rosa.

"CHOOSE YE THIS DAY"

We pay any price for war, but we expect peace to come down like a dove and land on our shoulder for nothing, perhaps paying a little for the parking privilege.

But there are only four possible positions for the people of the United States to take toward the post-war and present day world:

1. Escape the world. But whereas isolation was possible for Pilgrims, now there is no new world to escape to.

2. Run the world. This would be American imperialism and would cost more in military equipment and the hatred of other countries than we could afford to pay.

3. Buy the world—by our mastery of world trade—but trade will have to be reciprocal rather than unilateral.

4. Join the world—become part of it. That is our best hope.

Christianity alone holds the solution for the world's major present-day and post-war problem—learning to live together in one world as different people.

Other religions divide mankind by sex, race, class, or the like.

Is this going to be a Christian nation or not? Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Let's not be half and half, or timid about it any longer. The Time is NOW.

—WALTER H. JUDD,
Congressman from Minnesota.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. A very happy anniversary dinner, at which the dining hall was filled to capacity, was held on December 7th. Armenian ministers of the Bay Region and Supt. Harley H. Gill were guests. Returned servicemen were welcomed. Rev. M. M. Aijian is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Eight new members united with the church the last Sunday in December and in addition there were six baptisms. Two capacity congregations attended Christmas services. The pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, and his wife are giving Sunday afternoons to meeting the men of the parish in their homes. The Building Society loan on the property has been cleared up.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Augustine Jones, pastor, agreed to accept an increase in salary urged upon him by the trustees, but only on the condition that an equal amount would be added to the benevolences of the church. An item of $600 for the Post-War Fund is being added.

SARATOGA. Rev. Gordon L. King of Saratoga reports that about 90 old hymn books in fair condition are available for some church that might use them and which would pay shipping costs. They are "Hymns for the Living Age."

LOOMIS. A greatly increased budget has been adopted and will undoubtedly be covered. Substantial end-of-the-year gifts for benevolences and war victims have been made. Rev. Joseph H. Bennett is the pastor.

"If there be any among you who would bring shame and disgrace on the American Legion by violating the principles of the Legion by denying to a citizen the rights which are his, then you forfeit your right to be considered a good Legionnaire." (From statement issued by California Department of the American Legion in support of Gov. Earl Warren's position on the recission of the order banning all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast.)

SIERRA-ARDEN PROGRESS

Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester report the securing of a piano, 50 chairs and 50 hymn books for the new project at Sierra-Arden near Sacramento. Through the assistance of the Northern California Congregational Conference, nearly three acres of ground have been paid for by the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions, which will place the new church building in a more strategic and sightly location. The first gathering was a party of 30 young people for the celebration of Christmas. Except for the exceedingly bad weather and illness, this would have had double the number. A sponsoring committee has been organized and finance and building committees will soon be appointed. The Church School will be launched in January and will probably be held in the living rooms of four different homes—a department meeting in each one.

CROCKETT. White gifts made it possible to make distribution of supplies to unfortunate people and of money to the Ming Quong Orphanage. Christmas Sunday offerings were taken at both services for relief and reconstruction work abroad. The Cub Pack, which began with six a year ago, now has 28 boys. The fourth Sunday evening service each month is in charge of the young people. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Five hundred persons attended the Christmas services—the largest number for such an occasion in many years. In the evening the young people of the churches of the city gathered for carol singing—600 of them. Every group in the church celebrated Christmas in its own way. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. The Dorcas Society each Christmas season takes gifts of food to elderly women in the County Home and the gifts are taken in person by representatives of the Society. The church held a midnight Christmas Eve service which was interesting and helpful. The speaker was Lt. B. R. Caughey, son of the pastor, Rev. Rudolph Caughey.

CEDARVILLE. This church is in possession of an up-to-date projector and screen for visual education work—the gift of Mr. B. B. Robinson. Rev. Terrance Stoker, the pastor, is finding splendid response at Eagleville. He reports that the community canvass has resulted in a substantial increase in the support of the church.

OAKLAND PLYMOUTH. A thousand people at the Christmas pageant raised lighted candles in adoration and consecration. The offering brought Plymouth's gifts for War Victims for the year 1945 above the $2000 level. Robert W. Inglis is the pastor.

ORINDA. The Christmas Sunday morning service was held in the Orinda theater. More than 300 persons were in attendance. The building was beautifully decorated. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The church has recently purchased a new manse and Rev. and Mrs. Roland de Vries are now installed in it.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PETALUMA. The recently completed Fireside Room of the Petaluma Church has needed something suitable to hang over the fire place. Various suggestions were made and it finally occurred to Mrs. John Olmsted that a copy of da Vinci's "The Last Supper," which had formerly hung in the Weston home of Petaluma, would be especially beautiful and appropriate. Mr. George Moore discovered that it was in a vault in a local bank, having been there since its return from the de Young museum of San Francisco. The heirs of the estate soon gave consent that the picture be loaned to the church indefinitely. This copy of one of the world's most famous paintings was made in needlework by Mrs. Caroline Helen Weston between 1857 and 1862, from a small copy in her possession. It is all done in needle-point, petit-point and gros-point. Some of the wool was imported from France, while she spun some of it herself, also dyeing the yarn to get her colors correct. The colors today are as brilliant as ever, a testimony to the excellent work of the three years it took to complete the picture, which with frame measures 4 ft. by 6 ft. 10 in. The picture was originally framed by Gumps in 1862 and the frame, covered by gold leaf, is still in excellent condition. The picture has been appraised by one art expert as "the best example of needlework he has seen." It is so true to the original that recent visitors, who had seen the original, were at first glance certain that it must be done in oil. The church has arranged for visitors to see this fine piece of early California art at any time upon application to the pastor.

STOCKTON. On December 2, the 80th Anniversary of the church was observed. Birthday gifts totaling more than $2200 were made, which will pay off the debt to the Board of Home Missions amounting to $1900 with a surplus for recent improvements. A Midnight Candlelight Service was held on Christmas Eve. Two recent speakers at the Sunday evening forums have been Rev. Hugh Vernon White of the Pacific School of Religion on "Religion in the Post-War World," and Professor F. E. Steinhauser of the College of the Pacific, who spoke on the "Post-War Panorama of Mexico." Rev. Noel J. Breed is the pastor.

BENICIA. Two hundred people were in attendance at the White Gift Christmas Sunday evening. On another Sunday the choir gave a festival of Christmas music, following which 40 singers went caroling in a big truck to bring cheer to the shut-ins. The new pledges for the support of the church for 1946 averaged nearly $43 per pledge. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. Eugene Sill has completed his work and gone to Santa Barbara. Dr. Burton M. Palmer has agreed to be interim minister beginning January 13, and will conduct a thoroughgoing neighborhood survey with the help of members of the congregation. It is hoped that out of this study there will emerge a clear picture of what the future program and location of this church should be.

OAKLAND-PILGRIM. The number of persons pledging to the 1946 budget shows an increase of about 70 per cent. Each member of the church council sends out 15 cards a week calling attention to the following Sunday's worship service. A party on Christmas Evening included a pot luck supper and program by the Church School, with more than 120 in attendance. Rev. Byron E. Eshelman is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRST. This church did a splendid fraternal thing in giving a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Sill who are leaving the Ocean View church for Santa Barbara. This reception was held following a Thursday Midweek Service at which Mr. Sill had spoken. A chorus of 125 voices with outstanding soloists gave Handel's "Messiah" on the afternoon of December 16. A Christmas pageant, "World Brotherhood," written and directed by Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Horton, was given on Sunday evening, December 16. Eighteen persons were received into membership on December 9. A special Christmas morning service on December 25 presented Anne Louise David, harpist; Cyrus Trobbe, violinist, and Joseph James, baritone, with the Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, preaching the Christmas sermon.

OAKLAND, FIRST. This church set a real record in the Women's Thank Offering—the total being $515.10. Gifts for patients at the Fairmont Hospital were made at the December meeting of the Women's League and also money to provide Christmas for migrant workers. Supt. Harley H. Gill presented the Post-War Emergency Program at both services on December 9. On Christmas Sunday morning the Church School presented a beautiful pageant. Twenty-five children from the Fannie Wall Home were guests. Dr. Clarence F. Reidenbach, the pastor, conducted the communion service on New Year's Eve. This was followed by a buffet supper and reception.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The very burdensome debt which this church has carried for years is now down to $6200 and will probably be further reduced almost immediately by 50 per cent. The calendar of the activities of this church for one month requires two full columns in their paper, "The Spire," simply to enumerate them. The boys' choir, which started out as a quartet, now has fifteen members. The junior choir sang for the Mission District union Thanksgiving service. Rev. LeRoy Abbott is the minister.

SANTA ROSA. Congregationalists gathered for a family Christmas party the Friday before Christmas with a pot-luck supper, Kodachrome slides of the Nativity, a Christmas tree, carol singing, and the exchange of simple gifts. Rev. Gordon L. Foster, pastor, will continue to serve the Presbyterian church for at least a few months until the return of the Presbyterian minister from the Chaplaincy.

FERNDALE. Substantial and almost unprecedented liberal gifts of money were made to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Whitaker at their farewell reception. Rev. Charles H. Hudson has taken hold and the church building is already undergoing radical alterations and improvements. On a recent Sunday evening, thirty from the Eureka church were present, including choir members.

PESCADERO. New cabinets for the kitchen, which have been long needed, are now installed. The church will soon have water service. Rev. William F. Keeney is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. Lawrence Granger, recently released from the chaplaincy of the U. S. Army, has accepted the call to the Angels Camp and Murphys churches and will also minister to the California Youth Authority school for boys at Fricot. He will in true missionary fashion sponsor Sunday Schools at White Pine and Sheep Ranch. Mr. Granger is a man of splendid vigor, excellent preparation, and experience which fits him for this type of field. He was in charge of the interdenominational religious project at Grand Coulee, Washington, for a time. He visited the field in December, and was introduced by Dr. Burton M. Palmer, who was serving the churches temporarily. We may look forward to a very vigorous program of work in that area.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, who is serving as President of the Rotary Club, was given the surprise of his life at the Rotary Club Christmas Dinner when he was presented with a framed, printed duplicate deposit slip indicating that $4510.00 had been deposited in the church building fund "Given by members of the Rotary Club of Fresno in appreciation of service rendered by John Gregg as President, 1945-46." This fund has since reached a total of more than $6000. Mr. Gregg and one of his loyal laymen have raised over $23,000 for the same fund thus far. Sixteen new members were received in a special pre-Christmas worship service.

PORTERVILLE. Porterville had a welcome visit from Supt. and Mrs. Gill on December 16. The choir children wore their new gowns for the first time and furnished lovely music. The Christmas Candlelight Services were well attended in spite of much illness. An offering of $120 was received for War Victims and Reconstruction. The 1946 budget is fully subscribed including a $300 increase for benevolences. Four hundred and fifty persons were served at the bazaar dinner. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

LODI, FIRST. The Cantata, "Glory to God," by Heyser, was sung by the choir on Christmas Sunday evening and thoroughly enjoyed by a large congregation. Another shipment of clothing for European relief was forwarded in December. The budget of $7000 for the coming year was voluntarily fully pledged. The church also reached the goal set for the Post-War Emergency Program for the coming three years. Rev. A. R. Boone is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Christmas activities included an all-day work party of members of the Leyden Club, which is the high-school-age group. There was a Christmas program for cradle roll children and their mothers and also another for the Junior High group, the Scrooby Club. Eugene V. Haynes is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO PIONEER. New hymn books, the first to be secured since immediately after the dedication of the new building, are being provided by the Rose Standish Guild. This church was instrumental in securing the piano for the new Sierra-Arden project. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Tom Watt has resigned to take effect March 1. He has had a very rewarding pastorate at Antioch and he and Mrs. Watt are beloved by church and community. An affliction which impairs his eyesight has led him to the decision to retire. He has been in the Christian ministry for about 53 years. During the World War I he served with our forces at home and overseas and was also connected with the Y.M.C.A. Before going to Antioch he was pastor of the Park Church, Berkeley, and prior to that of the Community Church at Williams. He is widely known for his devotional poems and his setting of Biblical passages in verse form. The Antioch church is now in search of his successor.

GUERNEVILLE. The Youth Choir has twenty regular members and appears in maroon colored choir robes. Interested women have formed a choir mothers' group, sponsoring two choir suppers a month preceding rehearsals. One young man is now definitely enlisted to enter the Christian Ministry and another is giving serious thought to it. At the Christmas Party and Candlelight Vesper Service there were 175 people in attendance. The pastor, Rev. Henry Hayden, was chairman of the Rotary Christmas Party attended by 60 men and their wives. Rumor has it that the church was flooded in the recent storms, but the extent of the damage is not known at the time of going to press.

HAYWARD. Christmas was a very happy season in this church. The two services on Christmas Sunday morning were well attended. On Christmas Eve at 10:30 there was a beautiful candle lighting service conducted by the Pilgrim Fellowship, assisted by members of the choir and a guest soloist. The campaign for funds for the new building is progressing satisfactorily. The church is exceedingly happy under the leadership of Rev. Richard C. Norberg.

BERKELEY, FIRST. More than $2600 in cash had come in before the close of 1945 in response to the Christmas appeal for the Post-War Emergency Fund. On Christmas Eve the Midnight Service of candlelight and music drew an almost capacity congregation. Persons present carried with them lighted candles from the sanctuary to re-light candles in their own homes on Christmas Day. The service was conducted by the ministers, Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. Ford Forsyth.

MARTINEZ. A total of 19 new members have been received since the first of October. The goal for pledges for the new year has been passed by more than $500. Two choirs, adult and children's, furnished the music for Christmas Sunday Morning. A fine young adult group has been launched. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Almost every season this church has a basketball team in the Berkeley Y.M.C.A. League. The building fund continues to grow. There was a splendid Christmas program and party on Saturday night before Christmas. Rev. N. F. Kwang is serving as pastor.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) GEORGE AKI, U. S. Army, Italy

Let us speak as though we were the mouthpiece of God.

Let us live up to the standards of Christ so that we shall be known more and more as the true followers of our Master.

Let us lose our identity in Christ Himself in everything we say and do.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

FLASH! CORRECTION! Please note that the printed program of the forthcoming annual meeting has an error in the date of the meeting. It should read Thursday, January 17. The meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and will open at 10 o'clock. During the forenoon session there will be reports of the officers and secretaries. The main address will be delivered by Dr. Ronald Bridges, Moderator of the General Council and new President of the Pacific School of Religion. Officers will be elected and installed. At noon Mrs. Ernest Evans will tell of the life of Miss Mary Denton and will display the oil portrait just brought from Japan. In the afternoon the Association Presidents will report. Mrs. Dorothea Eltenton, Secretary of the American Russian Institute, will speak on "Life in the Soviet Union." Dr. Clara Miller will pay tribute to Mrs. T. E. Borden. who passed away during the year. The closing service will be led by Mrs. W. B. Buckham.

The 25th of December has come and gone, but as your editor reads through the letters which have come to her from the various Association presidents and others, she realizes that CHRISTMAS is still abroad.

Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Stockton wrote of a Christmas service which was pronounced by those who heard it the loveliest Christmas program they had ever had. It centered around the reading of two plays, with appropriate musical accompaniment. The first of these was based on the book by Mabel Shaw, "God's Candlelights." The second play was "Told In All Tongues," put out by the Women's Press. The central thought in this was that while the Christmas spirit and observance had been war-killed last year in European countries, these observances had lived in America through the immigrants from other countries who had brought their customs with them. As each country was named, its distinctive custom was described (such as the carolers from England, the feasts for birds and animals from Scandinavia, the creche from France, the Christmas Tree from Germany) illustrative pictures were shown, and carols of the country were sung. The play closed with the story of the birth of Christ by Luke, a solo, "O Holy Night," and a recording of the Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah."

The Lodi church also had a Christmas program with music and a series of lantern-slides picturing the story of the first Christmas. Many other items were in the Lodi report. Specially good work has been done in the field of the reading-lists and study-books, as we should expect from the fine showing Lodi women made in Mrs. Katharine Greisinger's spring report on reading. Of outstanding interest was the account of the October meeting which brought special recognition of Mrs. P. O. Rinde on her 82nd birthday. All older members of the Federation and attendants on M.E.M. gatherings will remember Mrs. Rinde, who has been so faithful to both organizations. Through "The Pacific" we all wish Mrs. Rinde health and happiness.

According to Mrs. W. H. Burhans, Redwood Empire president, her Association has been bubbling over with Christmas joy. The Petaluma Women's Service Club had a Christmas Tea with special Christmas program. Cotati Ladies' Aid combined their Christmas party with the ingathering of their Thank Offering, and both parts of the program were most successful. They have also bought song books for the Sunday School, and have installed a new furnace in the church. The Penngrove Ladies' Aid also had a Christmas party, with the giving of gifts around a Christmas tree, a Christmas program, and refreshments with special table decorations. The Sebastopol Women's Club have a birthday party each month, honoring the members whose birthdays fall in that month! It must keep them busy. Santa Rosa's Plymouth Club ladies do a very useful piece of work by having a Mother's Club for the mothers of the Sunday School children in which the problems of the child's welfare are discussed.

Mrs. H. S. Clewett, President of Sacramento Association, reports from Paradise two successful meetings: one for the collection of the Thank Offering which netted a goodly sum, and the other a Christmas program with a collection of money for the suffering children in the devastated countries. San Mateo had a Christmas program of music, centering around the Christmas carols of other lands, and also, as in previous years, made gifts and brought cheer to the patients of the Tubercular Sanitarium nearby.

Word from Mrs. S. B. Janjigian, President of San Joaquin Association, tells of Christmas celebrations there. The women of the First Church of Fresno gave a pageant entitled "The Child of Peace." It was accompanied by Christmas songs and readings. Pilgrim Armenian Church had a Christmas tree, surrounded by gifts of food and clothing for Greek Relief. Lest some of the wee ones in attendance be disappointed, Santa arrived later with bags of peanuts and candy for them. The Free Cross Church had also their Christmas celebration, with gifts for the needy of their community and donations for the War Victims' Fund. Tulare women not only had their Christmas program, but made the costumes for it themselves, as well as sewing for the UNRRA. Porterville women have a list of accomplishments that fairly take one's breath away. Contributions totaling nearly $1,000 have gone to such causes as Thank Offering, Red Cross, Friendly Service work, Church equipment and a fund for purchase of a recreation lot. There have been a Colonial Tea, a Silver Tea, luncheons honoring present or past members of the group, and a lawn party at the home of the extremely efficient president, Mrs. C. V. Henry. More vital than any of these is the fact that, as Mrs. Henry reports: "the necessity of constant contact with the Heavenly Father through prayer has been emphasized at every meeting." Fowler women, too, have been busy, with dinners served on many occasions, sewing done for needy causes, and, like the other groups, a Christmas party.

Women of the Upper Bay Association under the guidance of Mrs. Verdette Walters are always on their toes, and the Christmas time is no exception. Crockett held a "pot-luck" Christmas luncheon with a "pot-luck" program at which every one contributed something — song, poem, or story. In order to provide for the attendance of young mothers, a nursery was set up for small children. There is, unfortunately, not space even to enumerate all the other activities. Benicia had a very successful luncheon with over 75 attending. The women have their spring programs already planned, and these are most interesting. Martinez, like Fresno First and Oakland First, report new HIGHS in their Thank Offering gifts this year. They have also had a Christmas program, and on Sunday the joint Junior and Chancel choirs presented a program of Christmas music at a candlelight service followed by a Christmas meditation by Rev. Donald Gaylord, and closing with a "Procession of Lights" in which the entire congregation took part, and which symbolized the sharing of our light with a needy world.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, Young People's Secretary, who is frequently asked by the women what they can do to help Cazadero, has sent a list of things for inclusion in this issue of "The Pacific." If you can supply any of these needs, either send the articles to Mrs. Haymond, or telephone her about them. Her address is 180 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley 8; her telephone: Ashbury 0955. The list follows:

1—2 or 3 checker sets with boards.
2—Shuffle board set for use on dormitory porch in winter.
3—Several ping pong tables.
4—Footballs.
5—Basketball and baskets.
6—Darts and targets.
7—Archery equipment.
8—Line chalker, to mark out baseball diamond, volleyball, net, and so on.
9—Rule books for sports.
10—Three months' subscription for several magazines for the summer months.
11—Any contribution toward a fund for sport equipment would be most welcome.

The Editor of The Pacific hereby expresses not only his own appreciation, but that of the readers for the fine and faithful editorial service rendered by Miss Helen M. Perkins, who has prepared the material for this column for several years. We regret that she is not to continue but we wish to record thanks for a job splendidly done.

"OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH," by Walter M. Horton of Oberlin, a text for church institutes, study classes, and personal reading, has just been issued by the Pilgrim Press. Dr. Horton is one of the ablest theologians of our day. The book deals with the essentials of a Christian faith. Its purpose is to help the members of our fellowship to find common grounds for their Christian beliefs and action. It is for laymen and young people as well as ministers. It is the first unit in a series on "Congregationalism Today and Tomorrow." In format it is small enough to be carried in purse or pocket, about the size of THE DIGEST and only 148 pages. The price is 75c per copy in paper binding and $1.50 in cloth. Orders may be placed through Pacific Book Service.

NOTICE

Church by church reports of Benevolence Giving cannot appear in this issue, as 1945 books will not close until after going to press. Complete listings and summaries will be in the February issue.

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